

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JUNE 26, 2007
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kenneth Peeples, Rex Anderson, and Harold Andrews; County Administrator Darrell Hampton; County Attorney Brian Ranck; and Interim County Clerk Kimberly Ashe.

Commissioner Kenneth Peeples called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed those present. Administrator Darrell Hampton gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. June 11, 2007
2. June 12, 2007
3. June 18, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and Seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the minutes with the correction of one error. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. AUTHORIZE THE POSITION AND ADJUST THE PAY GRADE OF AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TRAINING OFFICER.

Administrator Hampton explained that this recommendation had been given by Mr. Barry Church a hired consultant. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. SELECT FINALISTS AND SCHEDULE THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR E911 DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS.

Due to the upcoming holiday, a motion was made by Commissioner Andrews and

seconded by Commissioner Anderson to table this item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF BECKY WALL AS EMA DIRECTOR.

Administrator Hampton explained that this position requires approval by GEMA and Homeland Security. Ms. Wall was approved by these. A motion to confirm was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Commissioner Peeples expressed his appreciation for the work that Ms. Wall has done for The Commission and the community. **This motion carried unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. MR. ADAM HAZEL OF THE GEORGIA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE SAVANNAH RIVER BASIN PROJECT.

Mr. Hazel spoke of the continued work by his organization to find the sources of water contamination and work to prevent further contamination. He stated that in our area Toccoa and Panther Creek both have high fecal chloroform levels. It is suspected that the chloroform levels are high due to animal feces which cannot be regulated. He mentioned that his research could be viewed on the RDC website. No motion was necessary.

2. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE GEORGIA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A recommendation was made that Mr. Harrison, a citizen that has served on this board for a number of years, as well as Chairman Peeples are allowed to represent Stephens County again on the RDC Board. This motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. **Motion Carried unanimously.**

3. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

This was discussed by Commission and will be considered until the recommendation is needed.

4. CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR OPEN CUT INSTALLATION OF WATER LINES INSTEAD OF BORING OF ROAD ON HOME DEPOT PROJECT.

The Commission will require a drawing to be submitted along with a letter stating that the cut will be repaired to DOT standards. A motion to accept this request with provisions was made by Commissioner Andrews and Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS BY DON MARTIN, TORREY MTN. PROPERTIES,

INC. AND KATHY COCHRAN, WATERCREST PROPERTIES.

The Commission heard from Ms Kathy Cochran as well as homeowners in the area of this property. Commissioner Anderson made a motion seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to deny this request for variance and require paving of roads to meet county ordinance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION SUBMITTED BY DR. W.W. CULBERTSON.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the Culbertson subdivision with the condition that the roads be paved to heavy DOT standards. **This motion carried unanimously.**

7. APPROVE A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE MAC DARYAMPLE FOR HIS SERVICE TO STEPHENS COUNTY.

A motion to approve this proclamation was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. **This motion carried unanimously.**

V. INVOICES OVER \$5000

1. BILLY WHITEN PLUMBING

A motion to approve this invoice was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. **This motion carried unanimously.**

2. INTERACT PUBLIC SAFETY

A motion to approve this invoice was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. **This motion carried unanimously.**

3. PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION

A motion to approve this invoice was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. **This motion carried unanimously.**

VI. MATTERS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Frank Whittle presented The Commission with a letter stating a problem that he is having with a neighbor and asked for some help in resolving this matter.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF LITIGATION.

The Commission entered into executive session from 11:28 a.m. until 11: 41 a.m.

Upon exiting this executive session the motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to authorize Attorney Brain Ranck to enter into a settlement agreement on behalf of the county in a matter of potential litigation. **This motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

Kenneth Peeples, Chairman

Attest

Kimberly Ashe, Interim County Clerk